

**United States Court of Appeals**

*For the Eighth Circuit*

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To: All Counsel  
From: Michael E. Gans, Clerk of Court  
Re: Eighth Circuit Bar Association Seminar - Monday, September 24, 2007  
Date: August 22, 2007

On September 24, 2007, at the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse in St. Louis, the Eighth Circuit Bar Association will sponsor a unique opportunity to visit in small group discussions with Eighth Circuit Judges, hear from the Clerk of Court Michael E. Gans and earn CLE credit. Following the CLE there will be a reception with an opportunity to mingle with the Judges and members of the bar and the court's staff. There will be no cost for this special seminar, so please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

The first hour of the seminar will feature a presentation by Michael Gans regarding electronic filing. The presentation will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will include an opportunity to ask questions about the new procedures and receive information about the continuing roll-out of e-filing in the Eighth Circuit. In the second hour of the seminar, beginning at 4:00 p.m., nearly all of the court's active judges and many of its senior judges have agreed to visit in small group discussions with participants on a variety of issues. Seminar participants will be divided up into small groups of 10 to 15 along with a moderator and a Judge to discuss various issues facing practitioners and Judges in the Eighth Circuit. After approximately 30-40 minutes, the small discussion groups will be opened up to a larger discussion with all Judges available to answer questions for the remaining 15-20 minutes.

After the seminar, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 6:00 p.m., there will be a reception and a further opportunity to mingle with the Judges and members of the bar. For your use and information attached is a flier with a brief outline of the program.

**If you wish to attend the seminar, please R.S.V.P. at [8thCirBar@LathropGage.com](mailto:8thCirBar@LathropGage.com) or by calling the firm at (314) 613-2528 or (816) 460-5750.**

The judges of the Eighth Circuit have authorized my office to assist the Bar Association in distributing announcements for its educational programs. The court believes the Association's activities promote the administration of justice in the Eighth Circuit. However, the court does not require attorneys practicing before it to be members of the Association, and the court does not endorse or sponsor the Association.

**EIGHTH CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION  
CLE PROGRAM & RECEPTION**

**September 24, 2007**

**Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse  
St. Louis, Missouri**

- 3:00**      **Michael E. Gans, Clerk of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit**, discussing the Eighth Circuit's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) procedures, and other tips for practitioners before the Court.
- 4:00**      **Judges of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit**, several Judges have agreed to participate in small and large group discussions regarding the issues facing practitioners and the Court.
- 5:00-6:00**      **Reception**, sponsored by the Eighth Circuit Bar Association and area law firms, with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, and an opportunity to mingle with Judges and practitioners.

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CLE credit, including Missouri CLE, will be available for participants.